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To: School Food Authority Administrators

From: Christine Emerson, Director
School Nutrition Programs

Re: Determining eligibility in the Child Nutrition Programs for the upcoming fiscal year 2004 for families in military "Privatized Housing"

Section 9 (b)(7) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 USC 1758 (b)(7) currently excludes privatized military housing allowances from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility of a child to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and the Special Milk Program.

The exclusion for these military families expires on September 30, 2003. As of October 1, 2003, those military families receiving privatized military housing allowances will no longer have those allowances excluded. Therefore, the School Food Authority will need to include the privatized military allowances as income when making free and reduced-price eligibility determinations.

At this time, there are bills pending before Congress, which would extend or renew the exclusion. However, we cannot predict what final legislative action may be taken. If Congressional action is taken to extend the privatized housing exclusion, we will inform you as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please call Holly Humphrey, School Nutrition Programs Specialist, (406) 444-4413.